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Spirit of the Press.

THE VICK-PRITCHARD CONTEST.

ticket. Mr. Pritchard, it will be re-

would please them on personal grounds,

and besides, they have an idea that their

party in other States would benefit from

it. The story would go out that the

President had thrown a sop to the "Lily

Washington Star.

acter as a man.

both white and black.

o his color.

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A MORNING TONIC.

(O. W. Holmes)

The way to argue down a vice is, not tell lies about it,-to say that it has attractions, when everybody knows that it has,-but rather to let it make out its case just as it certainly will in the moment of temptation, and then meet it with the weapons furnished by the Divine armory.

HOW JUSTICE MISCARRIES.

the United States." In 1891 the Keystone National Bank of Philadelphia, failed, and President Marsh was found to have been guilty of crooked conduct. He was indicted in the Federal court and gave a \$20,000 bond for his appearance. He "skipped" the country, was gone five years, and the bond was forfeited. Later Congress gave the debts between England and Germany on \$20,000 to Mr. W. H. Wanamaker, who the one hand and Venezuela on the hed paid it. Then Marsh returned, enother. If the two great powers have no tered a plea of guilty on three indictulterior purpose, desiring only to collect ments, and was sentenced to the penitenwhat they believe is due them, this countiary for twelve years and three months. try has no right or inclination to interfere He has served four years, and now Presi-The Monroe doctrine is neither a collect. dent Roosevelt has pardoned him, thus ing agency nor an agency to absolve South requiring only a thirty-three per cent American countries from paying their punishment.

Such miscarriage of justice in the case circumstances which seem to bear out the of bank wreckers, who are known to have profited by their crookedness, does much hasty and violent action taken without to cause the people to lose faith in the awaiting a reply or vouchsafing time for equal administration of laws. Public offithe framing of a resolution," shows that cials, misled by a natural sympathy for the collection of the debt alone does not men undergoing punishment, do much to destroy confidence in the courts. They If there is room for suspicion that the also tempt dishonest bank officials to get rich by dishonesty in the hope that, the customs houses and gain a foothold after serving a short sentence, they may in Venezula, the occasion may arise e pardoned and with pockets full of when this country must take steps to enmoney, establish themselves in a foreign land.

China is as much too severe in its sions of England and Germany will need

THE VENEZUELA SITUATION AND owning colonies. England and Great THE MONROE DOCTRINE. Britain would do the same thing in Venezuela if they dare. Mr. Olney not long ago predicted what the present The situation in Venezuela must give action may foreshadow when, in a public pause to all Americans. The Monroe

Wilson is a small town in North Caro speech, he said that Germany and the ina, and the postmastership is of course doctrine, our pillar of cloud in our forin keeping with the size of the com-United States were joining in a sort of eign policy, commits us to prevent the munity. But a contest has arisen over handshake as a courteous but significant acquisition of territory by any European the office which has attracted wide atpreliminary to the combat before them. tention, and the President's decision in country on this hemisphere. That doc-Even the clear-sighted Olney apparently the premises is awaited with much intrine was first suggested in a letter from terest far beyond the locality immediately did not look to see Great Britain as an Jefferson to Monroe and was afterwards concerned. ally of Germany.

promulgated by Monroe. It has never been affirmed by statute or acknowl-The European powers, while never acedged as binding by any foreign country. knowledging the right of the United But it is as much a part of our laws as States to exercise the power of domiif it had been incorporated in the Connating this hemisphere, have not been stitution-our pillar of fire. Mr. Olney disposed to resist it. During the years truly declared of it that "the fiat of this of the comparative weakness of the government is virtually law-on these American navy they did not choose to two continents." The Monroe Doctrine

put us to the test of defending the docwas thus enunciated by Monroe in his trine, partly because they were busy message to Congress on the 2nd of Decolonizing those countries that could not help themselves without invoking the "We owe it, therefore, to candor and help themselves, without invoking the

to the amicable relations existing behostility of this country by seizing South tween the United States and those pow-African territory. ers (any European power) to declare The strength of the Monroe doctrine that we should consider any attempt on has been largely due to the fact that their part to extend their system to any in declaring that no European country portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existshould "extend their system to any poring colonies or dependencies of any Eution of this hemisphere," we have not ropean power we have not interfered and entered into any scramble with other

shall not interfere. But with the governments who have declared their indenations for the African or Oriental pospendence and maintained it, and whose sessions, but have confined our operations independence we have on great considto this hemisphere. As long as we did not eration and on just principles acknowlgrab colonies in other parts of the world, edged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing we had a logical strength in maintaining them or controlling in any other manner the Monroe doctrine which all the world their destiny by any European power in recognized in the forum of right if it did any other light than as the manifestanot in terms acquiesce in it. But the tion of an unfriendly disposition toward

Philippine policy of this country has greatly weakened our moral right to dictate the political and territorial poli-In the preservation of this doctrine, in cies of North and South America. One view of the acute situation in Venezuela,

of the reasons that impelled this paper we may be confronted with the most to antagonize the administration in buydifficult and delicate duty in the history ing the Philippine istands was because of the Republic. This country, of course, it weakened our position on the Moncannot take part in the contention about

roe doctrine and our unrivalled position everywhere as the arbiter of the destinies of all America from Cape Horn to the North Pole. This generation may not fully realize how the new colonial policy has endangered the Monroe doc trine, or our ability to maintain it, but in the case of a serious conflict with any European power, then the weakness would appear. If the present trouble in honest debts. There are some attendant

Venezuela has been precipitated with any hope of getting territory, this generation will have cause to regret that the Monroe doctrine was put in jeopardy by the unwise policy of buying "shooting privileges in the Philippines."

THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.

That was a remarkable service in Winston on Sunday, participated in by the tastors of all the churches and Confederate veterans, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Brown, D. D. pastor of

Among the Railroads.

Writing of Capt. Mortimer Fleming who died in Baltimore after an operation Mr. John Wilbur Jenkins says:

"He was for a number of years in charge of the Louisburg branch of the Seaboard Air Line, and was the personal friend of nearly all the persons who travel over the road. Captain Fleming was one of those old time conductors that are fast passing away to the great regret of all the men they joked with and the women and children they helped by their kindly courtesy. They were personages in the olden days, and not The incumbent's name is Vick, and he s a man of color. He has discharged the personages in the olden days, and not mere collectors of tickets-men who duties of the office satisfactorily, both to his official superiors and to the peowere known and liked by every person ple of Wilson. The records of the Postwho lived in the stations along the line office Department and the testimony of of traveled by the railroad." Every the vicinage are in his favor. Naturally word true. He was one of the best of he wants a second term and bases his good men-the sort of men that men adapplication on his demonstrated capacity mired and who was loved by women and to serve in the place and on his charchildren.

Senator Pritchard opposes re-appoint-The News and Observer has received ment, and gives as his reason the attia letter from Major F. K. Huger, super tude of Mr. Vick in the recent North intendent second division of the Sea Carolina campaign. The charge is that board Air Line, in which he says: Mr. Vick did not support the Republican "You will see from the attached that with your kind assistance something has membered, was a candidate for realready been accomplished." election to the Senate, and made loy-This refers to the publication of the

alty to his ambition the test of Republimatter concerning men and boys climb canism. But as he had openly repudiated ing on trains, and the remarks made con the colored people in the Republican cerning it. The enclosed letter is from State convention, a great many of them Mr. A. T. Yarborough, the agent at Os. afterward repudiated him either by regood, who writes Major Huger as folmaining away from the polls or opposing lows: him there, and he was overwhelmingly

"My Dear Sir: I exhibited your kind defeated. Mr. Vick's offense, therefore, letter to our church yesterday and all if he committed one, was that he refused joined in sending you thanks for the kind to lick the hand that had scourged him. expressions and also for the contribution There are people of that disposition, Our church treasurer is myself.

"Now as to keeping boys off the trains The attitude of the people of Wilson All have agreed to act as a court an is creditable to them. Those who are you need not fear another epidemic o Democrats cannot but enjoy the complicar riding by the Osgood hovs. I am cations, but they are not improving the Justice of the Peace and have now gotten occasion to add anything to the difficulty. two citizens to act as police, they agree They prefer a white man for the place, ing to arrest every offender and bring and frankly say so. Such an appointment him before me for punishment.

> "We have not had one to board a train now in eight days. Again, I thank you.

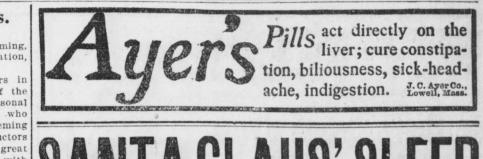
The N. C. Saloon Situation.

Whites." But no attack is made on Mr. (The North Carolina Baptist.) Vick. They certify to his good character From the best information we have as a man and to his business-like administration of his office, and object only the following is the liquar situation in North Carolina by counties:

Here, it may be seen, is a case which COUNTIES WITHOUT SALOONS. upon its face seems to put the President Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe to the test on a recent deliverance of his. Bladen, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell He said in his letter to a South Caro-Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, linian on the subject of appointments to Columbus Cumberland, Currituck, David office that no discrimination would be son, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Gates, Harmade against a man solely because of nett, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Jones his color. Mr. Pritchard's charge is Lincoln, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore really an arraignment of human nature. Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Polk Outside of that nothing remains against Mr. Vick but his color. Mr. McKinley Randolph, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanley, Surry, Swain, Transvlvania appointed him. Should Mr. Roosevelt in Tyrell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

> COUNTIES WITH SALOONS. Anson, 5; Beaufort, 9; Bertie, 11; Brunswick, 2; Buncombe, 16; Camden, 3

CARRY A BLESSING EVERY DAY. Carteret, 2; Caswell, 2; Catawba, 3 The operatives of the mills of the Chowan, 8; Craven, 14; Dare, 1; Durham, Messrs. Cone will have a nice Christ-21; Edgecombe, 15; Forsyth, 9; Graham, mas gift in the form of a reduction in Granville, 4; Greene, 3; Guilford, 10 nours which will mean an increase of Halifax, 25; Johnston, 6; Lenoir, 13 en per cent in wages. Indeed, from the McDowell, 2; Madison, 1; Martin, 24; imited observation which we have had, Mecklenburg, 16; Nash, 13; New Hant has always seemed to us that the reover, 68; Onslow, 7; Orange, 3; Pasquo ations between the employer and emtank, 10; Person, 3; Pitt, 25; Richmond, ployed in the Greensboro cotton manufac-9; Rockingham, 11; Rowan, 10; Stokes, turing business have been unusually Vance, 7; Wake, 27; Washington, 11; pleasant. The operatives are loyal and

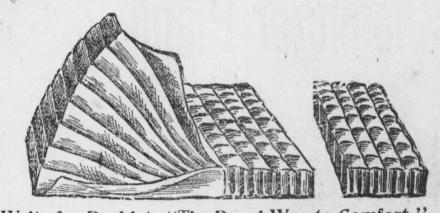


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punishment of bank officials-they hang every officer and director when a bank fails-as this country is too lax. The punishment should be made to fit the crime. The best way is for executive officers, except in the extremest cases, to let the sentence of the courts be car- | may be that in the present instance they ried out.

SENATOR QUAY'S CONSCIENCE.

Senator Quay is trying to get the Republicans to pass bills admitting New Mexico Arizona and Oklahoma to Statehood. One of his arguments is that the Republicans promised to make States out of these territories in their national platform. Here is the way Quay applies entered Egypt to collect a debt. It dethe issue of conscience to his party:

"If the Republicans can lie to the people about the admission of the territories in their platform, they can lie about every other provision in the platform." It is gratifying, even at this late day,

every respect a crown colony by prescription. If that happened in South to see that Senator Quay has a conscience. Africa, almost in sight of France, Spain, and that he believes that his Republican Italy, Austria, Portugal, Turkey and colleagues can be reached by an appeal to stand by the party's solemn pledge. It Russia-if England could grab Egypt by is too much to hope that they will fulfill the indirect debt-collecting process, why ary pledge that does not promise immemay not Germany and England do the diate party advantage, but it is a point same thing in Venezuela? This pregained that a man like Quay puts it to cedent in Egypt ought to cause this them clearly: The Republican party must government to see to it that the Monroe either admit the three territories or viodoctrine is not set at naught by the inlate its solemn pledge. Nobody supposes direct method of debt-collecting. that any but the Republican territory of It will be remembered that once before Oklahoma will be admitted, but it is barely possible that Quay may lash some with Venezuela. It was widely believed who once called themselves "conscience Republicans" into voting to keep their party pledges.

The Republicans promised to suppress the "bad trusts," but they havn't found any. They told us they would perform what Mr. McKinley declared to be a "plain duty," but so far they have failed to do so because the sugar trust controlled enough Senators to defeat it. They promised to extend and enforce the civil service, but its abuse has been scandalous. Pledge after pledge has been broken. Does Mr. Quay think that the Republican conscience is now hardened beyond hope?

Senator Bacon is right. The New State to be admitted of Oklahoma should be named Jefferson. The two greatest men America has produced were Washington and Jefferson. It is fitting that the capital of the Republic and a State should be named for Washington. The next State should be named Jefferson and it should be Oklahoma. It was Jefferson whose wisdom and statesmanship made it a portion of this Republic.

The news from Washington is that all the anti-trust bills before Congress will usually ends with the election returns.

to be taken with many grains of allow. the First Baptist church. One of the ance. Neither country has ever admitted the right of America to enforce the Mon-Watson, who spoke of Dr. Brown's serroe doctrine. Both would like colonies vice to the Confederacy. Mr. Watson in South America, both would like to see said "Dr. Brown has realized that this the Monroe doctrine abrogated, and it great race is one great brotherhood"a fact that largely accounts for his desire to see how far this country will marked success. In the course of his go to enforce the doctrine. If they can modest and admirable address. Dr. Brown seize the customs houses in Venezuela is thus quoted on one point by the Sento enforce an unascertained claim, and

contention of President Castro that "the

'warrant the summary action taken.'

claims afford a desired excuse to seize

force the Monroe doctrine. The profes-

clared its purpose to be to enforce its

claims. Afterwards it remained to pre-

serve order. It has never retired. It

will never retire. Egypt is in nearly

tinel: this country acquiesces, may they not "Dr. Brown said there had never been hold the purse-strings of that country for a pastor of any denomination here that years? If for years, when shall the time he did not love, and for whom he did not pray and co-operate with. We have arrive, under the Monroe doctrine, that no little jealousies-all working for the we may demand their retirement? It glory of God." should be remembered that Great Britain

The secret of Dr. Brown's success is told in these two sentences-Mr. Watson's statement that he believed in the brotherhood of man and Dr. Brown's state ment of his abounding love for his brethren of every faith and order. His breadth, his charity, his Christian fellowship have been a blessing to his town, to his church, and to his State. It is a lesson for every young minister of every church -to be true to his own church upon broad lines, to co-operate with good men of every church and of no church in every good work, and to win men by living the gospel of broad charity and the faithful

preaching of Love as the mud-sill of the Christian religion.

That's good news coming from Greens-

Every good man in North Carolina is blessed by the life and long service of in recent years Great Britain had trouble Dr. Brown and every one will hope that he will be long spared to illustrate in his life the religion he preaches.

then that a design was entertained of making it a colony if it did not involve

war with the United States. The able After the next Republican National Convention, the Southern delegate will letter of Richard Olney, bristling at be like the poor boy at a frolic. Senator every point with vigorous Americanism, Pritchard, who, for years protested showed England that the last man and against the injustice to the South, has the last dollar of the United States are now joined hands with Quay and the rest behind the Monroe doctrine. It will not rush to the defense of Venezula in any to reduce the standing in the South in the councils of his party. "I am glad difference arising out of contracts with you have taken that position at last." other nations, but if they use a debt as The words "at last" are good. the pretext for continued occupation,

then this government would regard that as an unfriendly act.

boro that the Proximity Manufacturing There is not room to doubt that Presi-Company has cut down the working hours dent. Roosevelt and Secretary Hay will in their cotton mills from 66 to 60 act with dicretion and vigor if necessary hours per week, without any decrease of to preserve the Monroe doctrine. It is wages. The Record says this is equivagenerally believed that there has been lent to a ten per cent increase of wages. an understanding between representa-Good for Mr. Cone, president of these tives of the United States with Great mills! Britain and Germany that they will do

nothing to impair the Monroe doctrine. The coal trust is no respecter of per-If there is such an understanding, it sons. The furnaces of the Interior Deshould be remembered that even the best partment at Washington had to be shut of countries go further than they expect down for awhile because of lack of coal. if the results of war promise to give them

immunity in so doing. This country de-The Greenville Reflector thinks Greens. boro must be getting jealous of the freclared that it did not go to war to grab be blocked. Republican hostility to trusts, territory, and yet it did like other na- quent mention of Wilson in the date tons: grabbed land for the purpose of line of the press dispatches.

manufacturers are liberal. This is as it should be and we venture to hope notable addresses was by Hon. Cyrus B. that it may always be so.

> WANTS TOTAL STATE PROHIBITION. Greenville Reflector.

the circumstances re-appoint him?

Greensboro Telegram.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAT WILL

If the coming session of the Legislaform in this State and then adjourn, it and wisest law-making body that ever, exceeds the white population.

sat in the Halls of Legislation of North arolina.

Politics and Politicians.

In Joseph Ernest Erwin the people of Paul, that was given to the jury Thurs-Burke county will have a capable and day night and who did not render their conscientious representative in the next verdict until Friday afternoon, won one Legislature. To the end that he may of the most remarkable victories that has legislate to the very best interests of occurred in Beaufert county since the is people, Mr. Erwin his given notice late F. B. Satterthwaite appeared at our that he will ask for conference at his bar. Though he had two of the ablest home, sometime between Christmas and attorneys opposed to him, and the judge New Year's, with representative men charged the jury directly against the from every section of his county. contetions of Mr. Simmons after he had Through the local papers he has given contentions of Mr. Simmons after he had notice that a full representation and expression from the people of the county is desired at this meeting, so that he will know their desires when he goes to Raleigh. This is the action of a man who

wishes to know the right that he may do it. It is an example worthy of general imitation by legislators-elect.-Asheville Citizen.

The Virginian-Pilot says Captain J. W. Simmons, inspector of hulls for this district, has been removed from his position. No reason has been stated as to the cause. Capt. Simmons was greatly surprised when he received notice of his removal. His successor has not been named by Mr. Oast as yet. Captain Simmons is well known in this city, and was for years the commander of the steamer Dennis Simmons .-- Wilmington Messenger.

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COUNTIES WITH DISPENSARIES. Edgecombe, 1; Franklin, 1; Haywood, : Hertford. 1; Johnston, 4; Macon, 1; Northampton, 1: Rutherford, 1; Union Warren, 1.

It will be observed that, according to ture of North Carolina would pass a law the above list there are 483 saloons in prohibiting the liquor traffic in every the State and 13 dispensaries. More than 300 of these saloons are found in 21 counwould go down in history as the greatest ties, whose sum total of negro ppulation

A Notable Legal Victory. (Washington Messenger.)

Mr. E. S. Simmons, who appeared in the case of B. J. Smith vs. Joseph A. dict in his favor. It was a great victory for Mr. Simmons, even if His Honor did direct the jury to retire again and bring in another verdict.

Another Fayetteville Negro Gaining Fame.

(Fayetteville Observer.)

Charles Chestnutt, the well known author, is not the only Fayetteville negro that has gone abroad and gained fame. W. H. Council, a nephew of our esteemed colored townsman, Joshua Council, is second only to Booker Washington, as one of Alabama's educators of the colored youth. He is president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for negroes at Normal, Ala. This college has sent out 737 graduates and not one of all these has ever been charged with a crime or convicted of a misdemeanor.

Case Against Vanderbilt Dismissed

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 16 .- The case of Judge T. A. Jones against George W. Vanderbilt has been dismissed by the Superior court. It was an action for lamages brought against Vanderbilt on account of the serious injury sustained by Judge Jones last Christmas when an unmanageable team caused him to be thrown on the road at All Souls Church. The parties interested decline to say whether the case has been compromised Dr. E. H. Murfee has discontinued the Asheville Seminary and left,

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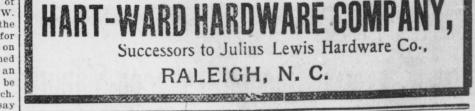


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